In the final part of our Symposium on Immigration and Economic Development, we offer an eclectic set of four papers that represent the considerable scope and diversity of this field of study.

Illegal Immigrants

Theodore Lianos reports on illegal immigration to Greece, looking at where immigrants tend to concentrate—geographical distribution—and estimating the optimal size of the immigrant population in a city, region and nation.

Education and Immigrant Success

Most observers place a high premium on educational attainment as a way for immigrants to become productive members of countries they choose to migrate to. Connie McNeely and Alberto Figueroa-Garcia argue that the education system in the United States has systematically marginalized recent Latino immigrants.
Productive Conversations

Because it is controversial in most societies, immigration is a difficult issue to manage in the public arena—discussions can be emotional, and hence detrimental to the resolution of public issues. Ruth Ann Bramson and Matt Leighninger offer four case studies of cities that have employed innovative group processes to effectively address immigration issues in the public arena.

Globalism or Internationalism

We close our symposium with a provocative thought piece by Bill Luker, Jr., about the nexus among immigration, globalization, internationalism and America as empire.